

REMARKS

Claims 10-19 and 22-28 are pending in this application. Claims 10, 12-16 are amended, claims 20 and 21 are cancelled and new claims 22-28 added. Claims 22-28 find support throughout the specification as filed and in cancelled claims 20 and 21. Specifically, new claim 27 find support in cancelled claim 20 and new claim 28 finds support in cancelled claim 21. Applicants maintain that the amendment does not add any new matter.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 10-21 under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372. More specifically, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups, as described below:

Group I	Claims 10-18, and 21, drawn to methods imaging using CEST based MRI, classified in class 424 subclass 9.3
Group II	Claims 19-20, drawn to CEST agents, classified in class 424 subclass 1.49

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to rejoin non-elected species, if the generic claims of Group I are found allowable.

No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this Amendment. However, if any fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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